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11	In the Matter of the Accusation Against:	Case No. 2009-324	
12	CLAUDIA SIOMARA SANTIZO 1641 Granada	ACCUSATION	
13	Pomona, CA 91767	ACCOUNTION	
14	Registered Nurse License No. RN 604387		
15	Respondent.		
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17	Complainant alleges:		
18	<u>PARTIES</u>		
19	1. Ruth Ann Terry, M.P.H., R.N. (Complainant) brings this Accusation		
20	solely in her official capacity as the Executive Officer of the Board of Registered Nursing,		
21	Department of Consumer Affairs.		
22	2. On or about August 13, 2002, the Board of Registered Nursing (Board")		
23	issued Registered Nurse License Number RN 604387 to Claudia Siomara Santizo (Respondent).		
24	The Registered Nurse License expired on May 31, 2008, and has not been renewed.		
25	<u>JURISDICTION</u>		
26	3. This Accusation is brought before the Board under the authority of the		
27	following laws. All section references are to the Business and Professions Code unless otherwise		
28	indicated.		
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part:

STATUTORY PROVISIONS

- 4. Section 490 provides, in pertinent part, that a board may suspend or revoke a license on the ground that the licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications, functions, or duties of the business or profession for which the license was issued.
- 5. Section 2750 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may discipline any licensee, including a licensee holding a temporary or an inactive license, for any reason provided in Article 3 (commencing with section 2750) of the Nursing Practice Act.
 - 6. Section 2761 states:

"The board may take disciplinary action against a certified or licensed nurse or deny an application for a certificate or license for any of the following:

- "(a) Unprofessional conduct, which includes, but is not limited to, the following:
- "(f) Conviction of a felony or of any offense substantially related to the qualifications, functions, and duties of a registered nurse, in which event the record of the conviction shall be conclusive evidence thereof."
- 7. Section 2764 provides, in pertinent part, that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary proceeding against the licensee or to render a decision imposing discipline on the license. Under section 2811, subdivision (b), the Board may renew an expired license at any time within eight years after the expiration.

REGULATORY PROVISIONS

- 8. California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, states, in pertinent
- "A conviction or act shall be considered to be substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse if to a substantial degree it evidences the present or potential unfitness of a registered nurse to practice in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, or welfare."

COST RECOVERY

9. Section 125.3 provides, in pertinent part, that the Board may request the administrative law judge to direct a licentiate found to have committed a violation or violations of the licensing act to pay a sum not to exceed the reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the case.

CAUSE FOR DISCIPLINE

(Conviction of Substantially-Related Crimes)

- 10. Respondent is subject to disciplinary action under section 2761, subdivision (f), and section 490, in conjunction with California Code of Regulations, title 16, section 1444, in that Respondent has been convicted of crimes substantially related to the qualifications, functions or duties of a registered nurse, as follows:
- a. On or about June 13, 2008, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Penal Code section 496, subdivision (a) [receiving stolen property], in the criminal proceedings titled *The People of the State of California v. Claudia Siomara Santizo* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2008, No. KA083490). Respondent was sentenced to 16 months in state prison and fined \$400.00. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about June 11, 2008, Respondent was a front seat passenger in a vehicle that was stopped for a moving violation by deputies from the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department in San Dimas. After probable cause for the search of her person and personal effects was established during the traffic stop, the deputies found a California Identification Card, several credit cards and U.S. mail belonging to other persons, at which time Respondent was arrested. Respondent was on felony probation at the time of this arrest.
- b. On or about March 4, 2008, after pleading nolo contendere, Respondent was convicted of one felony count of violating Penal Code section 496, subdivision (a) [receiving/concealing stolen property], in the criminal proceedings titled *The People of the State of California v. Claudia Siomara Santizo* (Super. Ct. Los Angeles County, 2008, No. KA082096). Respondent was sentenced to 90 days in jail, placed on three years probation, and fined \$200.00. The circumstances surrounding the conviction are that on or about

1	3. Taking such other and further action as deemed necessary and proper	
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